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Railroads

- 1. The Karlovo-Pirdop-Sofia rail line is scheduled for completion by the end of 1952. The line is single-track, standard gauge, and rails have been laid and 1952. The line is single-track, scannard gauge, work is held up pending ballasted along the whole route except at Klisura. Work is held up pending 50X1-HUM
- 2. Trudovaks are still working on the Makotsevo-Klisura stretch of the Sub-Balkan rail line which is to be officially opened on 9 September 1952. The line is single-track, standard gauge.

Roads

- 3. The majority of Bulgarian roads are in the same condition as they were before the Communists attained power on 9 September 1944, although many of the roads are not as well maintained.
- 4. The Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad-Plovdiv-Pazardzhik-Soffa road, 290 kilometers long and six meters wide, is well maintained; holes have been filled continually. Although of old construction, the road has a capacity of 30-40 tons. In the last three years all bridges along the road have been rebuilt in reinforced concrete and a number have been widened; most of the dangerous curves have been flattened and there are few sharp curves anywhere along the road except on the Bel'ovo-Kostenets-Vakarel section. The Khaskovo-Bel'ovo stretch has shoulders of one meter or more and the road is suitable for widening. There are no shoulders between Bel'ovo and Sofia. Road surfaces are as follows:
 - Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad-20 miles short of Plovdiv: Gravelled road with good surface;

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- Twenty kilometers east of Plovdiv to Plovdiv: Paved with granite blocks;
- Plovdiv-Pazardzhik: Macadam; and
- d. Pazardzhik-Sofia: Mostly granite blocks, small section macadam.
- 5. The Plovdiv-Karlovo-Pirdop-Sofia road, 220 kilometers long and six meters wide, has a gravelled surface. The road and bridges, of old construction, are poorly maintained; the majority of the bridges are wooden. There are many sharp curves on the Karlovo-Sofia section; the Plovdiv-Karlovo section is suitable for widening. The Karlovo-Sofia section, which runs through mountainous country, has no shoulders.
- 6. The Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad-Stara Zagora-Nova Zagora-Burgas road, 330 kilometers long and six meters wide, has a gravelled surface. The road is of old construction and requires constant patching; the weight capacity is approximately 20 tons. The Khaskovo-Sliven section is suitable for widening. The Stara Planina area has a 60-kilometer stretch with numerous sharp curves.
- 7. The Sofia-Mikhaylovgrad (Ferdinand)-Vidin-Lom-Oryakhovo-Pleven road, 530

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